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SACOG Board of Directors

Item #14-11-15
Report

November 6, 2014

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects currently being advanced by SACOG.

Note: The consent and action calendars are light this month, but include several time sensitive items for which we will need a Board quorum to move forward.

We very much appreciate the thoughtful discussion on the Draft Framework for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update in each of the policy committee meetings this month and will be returning to you in December with a Revised Framework for your consideration and action. This Framework will guide the development of a Preferred Draft Scenario in January, which our staff will be vetting with your local government staff in February and March.

We are also working with our member jurisdictions to identify needs for technical support for key community projects through our SGC Planning Grant to help implement the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy in Centers, Corridors and Established Communities. This grant is also in partnership with Portland State University (PSU). SACOG is currently refining grant scope and will be working in partnership with PSU Urban Sustainability Accelerator Program to identify jurisdiction projects to be included in the grant work.

SACOG and the City of West Sacramento are in preparations for the Code for America Fellowship Program work to begin in February 2015. West Sacramento City Manager Marty Tuttle will be joining the SACOG CEO and staff in providing a process overview for the program in the Innovation Task Force Meeting, immediately following the SACOG Board meeting on November 13. That presentation will include a sample council resolution and municipal policy on open data as an integral resource to the Fellowship work to benefit the region. This is part of an overall effort on behalf of SACOG to engage the full Board and their respective colleagues in the Code for America Fellowship Program in order to maximize regional benefit.

CONSENT ITEMS: All items on the consent calendar received unanimous support in committee.

ACTION ITEM: #9—The Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee directed SACOG staff to prepare a comment letter on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the crude by rail project proposed in San Luis Obispo by Phillips 66. The deadline for public comments on the DEIR is November 24. Staff will provide an overview of SACOG's draft comment letter for full Board discussion and action.

LAND USE ACTIVITIES:

During the month of October, SACOG staff conducted the following work:

- Using grant funds from Strategic Growth Council Round 3 (SGC-3), staff from SACOG and PSU visited sites in 12 jurisdictions to discuss potential technical assistance opportunities in support of each community's individual community revitalization efforts. The cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and the county of Sacramento participated in the first round of this program last year.

- Submitted a grant application in partnership with the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento to the Federal Transit Administration for comprehensive planning work to remove barriers to transit-oriented development around the streetcar.
- Attended at the invitation of Sacramento County planning department, a workshop regarding the Natomas Vision Plan.
- Participated in the Sacramento Real Estate Connect Event “Regional Economic Review and 2015 Outlook.” SACOG CEO Mike McKeever was the keynote speaker.
- Using grant funds from the Sierra Health Foundation and the third round of Strategic Growth Council Grants, SACOG worked with the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County to bring researchers from the Center for Public Interest Design to the communities of Del Paso Heights and South Sacramento. The researchers conducted on-the-ground data and mapping and began community conversations about revitalization in each community. The two study areas were selected based on their inclusion in state-defined disadvantaged communities.

MTP/SCS WORKSHOPS:

In October and November, staff conducted eight public workshops in the six-county region as part of the update to the 2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The workshops were open house format allowing for participants to drop in. In addition to public workshops, residents could give input on transportation priorities via an online survey. Input from the public outreach was summarized in committee staff items in each of SACOG’s three policy committees prior to the November 13 Board meeting. This information will also be used to inform the SACOG Board in coming Board actions related to the MTP/SCS Framework and development of the Draft Preferred Scenario, which will also be subject to public comment in 2015.

CALENDAR:

November 13 – 9:30 a.m. SACOG Board Meeting

November 13 – 11:00 a.m. Innovation Task Force Meeting.

December 4 – 10:00 a.m. Transportation Committee

December 4 – 1:00 p.m. Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

December 8 – 10:00 a.m. Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

December 18 – 9:30 a.m. SACOG Board Meeting

Approved by:

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